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TILE TRAP FOR RABBITS.

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An inexpensive and permanent sewer tile trap for cottontail rabbits, which has proved very effective in Kansas, is described in Farmers' Bulletin 702, "Cottontail Rabbits in Relation to Trees and Farm Crops." Details of this trap were supplied by Mr. J. M. Walmsley, who has used it successfully on his and other farms in that State. To make the trap, proceed as follows:

Set a 12 by 6-inch "tee" sewer tile with the long end downward, and bury it so that the 6-inch opening at the side is below the surface of the ground. Connect two lengths of 6-inch sewer pipe horizontally with the side opening. Second grade or even broken tile will do. Cover the joints with soil so as to exclude light. Provide a tight removable cover, such as an old harrow disk, for the top of the large tile. The projecting end of the small tile is then surrounded with rocks, brush, or wood, so as to make the hole look inviting to rabbits and encourage them to frequent the den. Rabbits, of course, are free to go in or out of these dens, which should be constructed in promising spots on the farm and in the orchard. A trained dog will locate inhabited dens. The outlet is closed with a disk of wood on a stake, or the dog guards the opening. The cover is lifted and the rabbits captured by hand.

These traps are especially suitable for open lands and prairies, where rabbits can not find natural hiding places. They are permanent and cost nothing for repairs from year to year. If it is desired to poison rabbits, the baits may be placed inside these traps, out of the way of domestic animals or birds. This trap also furnishes an excellent means of obtaining rabbits for the table, or even for market.

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